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Letter dated 21 February 2007 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

Pursuant to paragraph 19 of Security Council resolution 1737 (2006), the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations has the honour to present the report on the steps that the People's Republic of China has taken with a view to implementing effectively paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12 and 17 of resolution 1737 (2006) (see annex).

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Annex to the letter dated 21 February 2007 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

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Report of China on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1737 (2006)

1. China supports the adoption by the Security Council of resolution 1737 (2006). The adoption of this resolution contributes to the maintenance of the international nuclear non-proliferation regime, strengthens the authority and functions of the International Atomic Energy Agency, and promotes diplomatic efforts to resolve the Iran nuclear issue peacefully.

As a permanent member of the Security Council, China has always implemented the Council's resolutions in a responsible and conscientious manner, and has developed a package of effective operational mechanisms and practices in that regard. Following the adoption of resolution 1737 (2006) by the Security Council, the Foreign Ministry promptly issued a circular to all ministries and the foreign-affairs offices of the Governments of all provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities, as well as the Governments of the Hong Kong and Macao Special Administrative Regions, to inform them of this resolution and the circumstances surrounding it, and requesting them to conscientiously implement the provisions of the resolution in accordance with law. To date, no violation of the resolution has been discovered.

2. Under the principle of "one country, two systems", China's central Government is responsible for the defence and foreign affairs relating to the Hong Kong and Macao Special Administrative Regions, while those Regions are vested with executive power, legislative power, and independent judicial power, including that of final adjudication. For that reason, the two regions will draw up their own laws and regulations for the thorough implementation of resolution 1737 (2006) after receiving notification from the central Government.

3. We hope that the resolution will be implemented in earnest, while at the same time considering that sanctions are not a goal, but only one means of getting Iran to rejoin the negotiations. The sanction measures presently being applied by the Security Council are limited and reversible. China calls upon all concerned to continue to pursue all-round diplomatic efforts to resume negotiations at the earliest possible date, and to strive for a lasting, comprehensive and appropriate settlement. China will continue to play a constructive role.